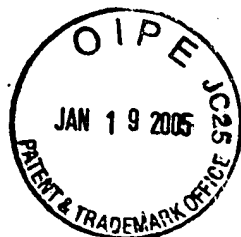


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In reply to the final Office Action mailed November 24, 2004, Applicants
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